

Candles, Scented Candles, and Reed Diffusers

Regulatory Compliance

Importers and Manufacturers of candles and/or scented candles and/or reed diffusers in EU and non-EU countries must comply with a wide range of regulations, safety standards, chemical restrictions, and labelling and testing requirements. By partnering with Intertek's Total Quality Assurance, you can rely on high-quality, specialist chemical services to support your business and deliver excellent products to your clients and end users.



Background

Candles and reed diffusers have become significant market products, and it's crucial to stay informed about the ever-evolving regulatory landscape surrounding them. Candles are subject to various regulations and safety standards. Developing strong hazard communication strategies is key to delivering these products quickly and efficiently to the market. Knowing specific requirements before marketing candles and reed diffusers avoids product recalls, incidents/injuries, and possible penalties.

The challenge

You need a clear understanding of both regulatory requirements and scientific principles to execute a clear regulatory strategy before placing candles and reed diffusers on the market.

In Europe, the General Product Safety Regulation [Reg (EU) 2023/988] is a framework legislation requiring that all products marketed in the EU are safe to use and analogous regulations apply in other countries. Hazard communication requirements differ around the world. Moreover, safety requirements beyond hazard communication need to be considered as well.

In the EU, compliance requirements applicable to candles and reed diffusers include the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation; the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation; EN standards for candles (e.g., EN 15494, EN 15426, ASTM F-2417, etc.); the General Product Safety Regulation, among others.

Our solutions

Intertek Assuris offers the following services:

- **Regulatory support for the global market:** With chemical control legislation coming into effect every year, our regulatory consultants can help ensure your business successfully complies with national and international regulatory requirements.
- **Safety data sheets and poison centre notifications:** Intertek supports clients with authoring, maintaining, and/or reviewing Safety Data Sheets and labels for multi-jurisdictional needs. Intertek can assess the poison centre notification obligations and submit the notifications to ensure communication with relevant national bodies for medical advice in the case of an emergency.
- **Labelling assessments (hazard and safety):** Candle and reed diffuser products should be labelled or packaged with caution statements, safety guidelines, and product use information to prevent potential misuse and dangers. Intertek provides a customised analysis of proper wording, placement, and illustrations to create packaging texts that are easily understood by diverse markets. We can also assist with classification of mixtures and hazard communication based on scientific knowledge and regulatory frameworks.
- **Performance tests for candles include:**
 - Burning behaviour
 - Stability
 - Soot/smoke
 - Burn time
 - Wick behaviour
 - Flame heights
- **Material tests:** Lead and heavy metal content is tested in dyes, lacquers, surface coatings, and embedded materials used in candle and reed diffuser products—as well as in the wick and the candle wax itself—to

prevent harm to personal health and the environment.

- **Toxicology assessments:** Intertek can assist in toxicology assessments of your products to ensure that substances used in candles and reed diffusers—including additives, fragrances, and colourants—are safe, and ensure that final products comply with international legislation.

The Intertek advantage

Intertek's scientific and regulatory consultants have been delivering successful expert advice for over 30 years. As a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide, we optimise our clients' results and minimise their risk using our broad expertise and help them achieve success in a fast-paced, changing global market.

Our network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices in more than 100 countries delivers innovative and bespoke Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification solutions for customers' operations and supply chains. Intertek Total Quality Assurance expertise, delivered consistently with precision, pace and passion, enabling our customers to power ahead safely.

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